

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-44

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COCONINO COUNTY BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS APPROVING THE COMMUNITY WILDFIRE
PROTECTION PLAN FOR THE BLUE RIDGE AREA AND MOGOLLON
RIM RANGER DISTRICT OF THE COCONINO NATIONAL FOREST**

WHEREAS, Coconino County desires to protect the Blue Ridge Area and surrounding areas from catastrophic wildfire by means of: (1) an educated and involved public; (2) implementation of forest treatment projects designed to reduce wildfire threat and improve long-term forest health in a progressive and prioritized manner; and (3) utilization of FireWise building techniques and principles; and

WHEREAS, The Community Wildfire Protection Plan, authorized by the Healthy Forests Restoration Act (HFRA) of 2003, is a strategic plan as well as an action plan providing a broad operating framework for all agencies and ownerships -- private, city, county, state, and federal -- within the area, while identifying protection priorities; and

WHEREAS, community protection and preparedness are critical steps toward mitigating immediate fire hazards and restoring adjacent wildlands; and

WHEREAS, a combination of fuel management, FireWise standards, and appropriate fire-use and/or suppression response across ownerships within and adjacent to at-risk communities will reduce threats to life and property, protect values at risk, and create a safe context for the use of fire in subsequent forest ecosystem restoration efforts; and

WHEREAS, this plan outlines actions needed to prepare and equip the Blue Ridge community to live and thrive within our fire-adapted ponderosa pine forests; and

WHEREAS, the Healthy Forests Restoration Act (HFRA) of 2003 requires the community-developed plan to be approved by four separate entities:

1. The local fire protection agency.
2. Local elected officials.
3. The State Forester.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COCONINO COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AS FOLLOWS:**

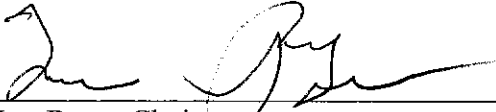
SECTION 1. That the Community Wildfire Protection Plan for the Blue Ridge Area and Mogollon Rim Ranger District of the Coconino National Forest is hereby approved.

SECTION 2. That the Board Chair is authorized to sign the Community Wildfire Protection Plan on behalf of the Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors on this 1st day of December 2009.

AYES: 5
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 0

COCONINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



Matt Ryan, Chairman

ATTEST:



Wendy Escoffier, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Jean Wilcox, Deputy County Attorney

